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# DISCOVERY

Golden Treason OF Faith

## A Bloody Plott

INTENDED TO HAVE

been put in practice on Thursday the 18. of  
this present November, against some  
of the chiefe of the Lords and Com-  
mons in Parliament assembled  
by bloody minded Papists.

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As also a relation of intended insurrections in  
six severall parts of this Land on the same day ;  
discovered by *Thomas Beale*, and by him presented  
to the high Court of Parliament, in protesta-  
tion against divers other libellous Pam-  
phlets printed already by false,  
scandalous, and lying Copies.

L O N D O N

Printed for the Author, to bee presented to the high  
Court of Parliament, and are to be sold by *Henry*

*Walker.* I 6 A I.

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THE HONOV RABLE  
AND HIGH COVRT OF  
Parliament now assembled.

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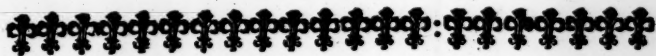
Right Honourable :

**VV** *Hereas there hath bene severall Pamphlets printed of this Relation, one for John Greensmith, the other for John Thomas, both which your Honours may be pleased to take notice are both false and impious, and as many doe conceive, composed rather by some Papist, then any well affected person to the Protestant party ; I am therefore importuned under your honourable Patronage to present a true Copie of it to the view of the world, that so people may not be seduced, but understand the truth.*

Your Honours humble attendant,  
ready to my last breath  
to doe service.



THO: BEALE.



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TRUE RELATION OF  
A BLOODY PLOT INTEND-  
ed, November 18. 1641.

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Y the way give me leave to take notice of one special property in the providence of God, which falleth out according to *Dauids prayer, Psal. 59. ver. 11. Slay them not, lest my people forget it, but scatter them abroad in thy power, and put them downe O Lord, our shield.* The people of God are so subject to forget the goodnesse of God, that although he in mercy both discover the plots of their enemies, and prevent them, yet many times he is as it were compelled to suffer the enemies to escape the hand of Justice, that so his people grow not secure.

And herein the Lord dealeth like a loving father, who having a spendthrift son, that by his creditors is cast into prison, comes, and unknowne to his son, dischargeth all his debts (yet so, that the bonds in his knowledge, stand still in force) and causeth him to be released, that thereby he might still make him afraid of running behinde hand againe.

And after this manner it hath pleased God (for ought I can perceiue yet) to deale at this time with the Nation

in this last discovery of that damnable and cruell plot which should have been put in practise the 18. day of this present moneth of November.

Before I come to the matter, I shall first shew the manner of the discovering it, which was thus.

On Munday, the 15. day of this November, I was in my owne house at dinner at twelve of the clock, when I had dined (having no imployments at the worke of my calling) I tooke a little writing booke in my hand, which formerly I had written, and did intend to peruse it, and correct some faults, and supply some things wanting, but having no conveniency in my owne house, by reason of the frowardnesse of my childe, I thought best (it being a calme day) to goe into a secret field not far off, which formerly I had frequented for my owne priuate meditations, the field lyeth above Oldstreete, betweene the way that commeth from the Pest-house, and the way that commeth from Brick-lane in Oldstreete; all men that use to goe that way, know that the first of those fields hath a common path, which goeth from the Kings-gate at the further end of Brick-lane towards the Pest-house, over against this path, all the way on the other side of the field is a high banke cast up, which on the further side of it is shelving, like the side of a house eaves, and on that side the path is, it is straite downe like a mudwall, with a little dry ditch cast up on this side.

On the farther side of this banke, I walked a turne or two, and as I had occasion I stooped, and on my knee wrote a word or two, and as I was stooping and writing, I heard a man hem, which made me looke if I could see him, and going softly up the banke, I perceived in the little ditch stood a couple of men, on the sudden I began

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to retire to my former businesse, but as I turned, I heard them speake of State affaires as I thought, which made me stand still to heare more, which when I had, I couched my selfe close on my knees, and on my elbowes, with my head close to the banke, where with much ease I heard this following discourse.

I shall omit nothing that I can remember, but (as I related it to the house of Parliament) only their desperate and bloody oathes, with which almost each sentence was ushered in, the first I could understand was this: as it followeth.

*George.*

What a wicked thing was it, that that plot did not take effect?

*Philip.* Oh 'twas a wicked thing indeed! but I hope it was dismissed, that a better might take place.

*George.* I hope it will prove a better, if it be not unluckily prevented.

*Philip.* For my part I doe not fully understand the matter, for I came but last night to Town, and as soone as I came to my Lords, they told me I must needs come againe this morning; and when I came, I was conveyed up into my Lords Chamber, and there was my Lord and Father *Jones*, and Farther *Andrewes*: and Father *Andrewes* related to me what service I was for, but yet I could not fully understand the scope of it.

*George.* No: why, thou knowest whether thou carriedst thy Letters.

*Philip.* Yes, I carried Letters into *Buckinghamshire*, and into *Warwickshire*, and into *Worcestershire*; but I did not know for what: but at one place I was bravely entertained, at Master *Sh*: as soone as ever hee read

the Letter, hee caused me to be set to dinner ; and when I had dined, he gave me a Letter to deliver to my Lord, and a piece for my selfe, and charged me to make all speed I could to *London* againe : but prethee why dost thou bring me to stand here?

*George.* I stand here, because in yonder path (pointing to the rode-way before him) I promised to stay for *Dick Jones* : thou knowest him, dost not ?

*Philip.* Yes, as well as I know thee.

*George.* He's a good lusty Fellow thou knowest, and he is appointed to kill that raskally Puritan *Pim*, him that hath beene the chiefe cause of our misery.

*Philip.* But I feare still the Puritans will prevaile.

*George.* Tush, tush, prevaile ; how can that be ? being we have so many friends, both in the Lower and the upper House ; and when all these base Puritans are killed, then on the sudden all the Citie will be in a tumult, and then on the instant will there be risings in six severall places of the Land, to my knowledge : in *Buckinghamshire*, in *Warwickshire*, in *Worcestershire*, in *Lancashire*, (the other two places I remember not.)

*Philip.* Yea marry Sir, this sounds well, if wee can but escape, we shall all be made men.

*George.* If wee escape wee shall bee brave fellowes ; Lords, and Knights, and Gentlemen ; and wee have as brave wayes to escape as ever men had : for wee can quickly change our names, and our cloaths, and our faces too, and with that he plucked a false beard out of his pocket, saying, am I the man I was ; putting it on as I conceive.

*Philip.* That is a dainty way indeed, we may thanke Father *Andrewes* for that trick ; for if we have but the least time, presently we can change our shapes : but if  
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we should be taken, 'tis but our lives, and then we shall be Saints: for we to day tooke the holy Sacrament on it, and were shrived.

*George.* So did wee on Saturday, I was the 37. man, and wee had forty shillings a man: and when that was gone, we might come and fetch more.

*Philip.* I thinke I was the last of all: for after I was in my Lords Chamber, I staid till five more came; and I understood that Father *Jones* said we were all, and I was last set downe, and was the hundred and eight; and wee had all forty shillings a peece, (shaking his pockets:) but how cunning Father *Jones* was, hee set downe all our names on the one side, and just against them the names of them wee should kill: but prethee who must kill the Lords?

*George.* O they bee brave fellowes in their Scarlet Coates, and their Cloaks lined with Plush, they had ten pounds a man; and if wee should prevaile, we shall every man have the Possessions and Lands of him that we kil'd: there be foure *Londoners* Tradesmen, that are to kill the Puritan Citizens.

*Philip.* I doe but thinke what a racket there will be when this is done; though all be not killed, yet it will make such a tumult for the time, that it will make them have little minde to send to *Ireland*.

*George.* Ay, that was Father *Andrewes* his wit, to prevent sending to *Ireland*, and I hope if they prevaile there, we shall not need to feare here.

*Philip.* Thou knowest him that thou art for ay, as well as I know thee; and I (swearing most bloudily) will be his death, though it cost me my life a thousand times; (hee is a great fatguts fellow) either comming downe staires, or in their Coaches, or at any other place.

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Having spoken thus, he that they looked for (*Dick Jones*) it seemeth did appeare, which caused *George* suddenly to leap up, saying, now he is comming; and by his suddaine starting, hee descried me on the other side of the banke; which when he had, he desperately sware he would end me first; and with that, stepping up the banke on the sudden, ere I could recover my legges, (which were so nummed with kneeling, that indeed for the time I could not stand) hee drew his rapier and ran me through both my cloke, short coat, breeches, shirt, and breeches on the other side; and by the mighty providence of God, ran betwixt my thighes, and yet did me no hurt at all: so thinking he had ended me (for indeed I lay still, being in such a sudden feare with the sight, and hearing him speak so bloudily, and fearing a second blow) he leaped backe againe, and ran away out of my sight, before ever I could recover my senses to take notice which way hee ran; but as soone as ever I came to my selfe, I posted to the Parliament House, and first related it to Alderman *Somes*; he and Master *Pymme* satisfied the Lower House of it, where I was examined; and afterward in the Lords House three severall times; and since that the place hath beene seriously viewed, both by Lords and Commons, and the truth made apparant, and I hope some of the Plotters taken; which I pray God they may bee, if it please him, for Jesus Christ his sake: to whom bee praise for ever, Amen.



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